

IN RE: Southern Bell Telephone & ) ORDER GRANTING  
Telegraph Company - Request for ) CLARIFICATION AND  
Approval of Revisions to its ) DENYING PETITION FOR  
General Subscriber Service Tariff ) REHEARING AND  
(Ref. Tariff No. 90-229 - ONA). ) RECONSIDERATION

After thorough consideration of the Consumer Advocate's Petition and Southern Bell's response, the Commission grants that portion of the Petition regarding clarification and denies that portion of the Petition requesting rehearing and reconsideration. The Commission has addressed each of the Consumer Advocate's specific arguments below.

The Consumer Advocate asks the Commission to "formally rule...that customers of Southern Bell will have the same ability to block transmission of their calling number to BCLID subscribers as they do to block transmission of their number to Caller I.D.

subscribers." Petition, p. 2.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission finds that Southern Bell's customers should have the same ability to block transmission of their calling number to BCLID subscribers as they do to Caller ID subscribers. Accordingly, Order No. 92-286 is hereby clarified to require that Southern Bell's customers have the same ability to block transmission of their calling number to BCLID subscribers as they do to Caller ID subscribers.

2. Simplified Message Desk Interface (SMDI).

The Consumer Advocate contends that Southern Bell should be required to investigate options which would allow calling parties the ability to block transmission of their calling number to SMDI subscribers within the same central office. For instance, the Consumer Advocate suggests that Southern Bell consider providing voice messaging services via the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network.

The Commission finds that Southern Bell should be required to investigate the possibility of providing SMDI through the SS7 network and should provide the Commission with a quarterly report which outlines Southern Bell's progress of converting SMDI to the SS7 network. Accordingly, Order No. 92-286 is clarified to include the requirements of this paragraph.

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1. Callers may block the transmission of their calling number to subscribers of BCLID because BCLID is a line side feature provided over the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network.

3. Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

ANI is an optional trunk-side feature which automatically provides the subscriber with a calling party's billing number at the time the call is made. In order to purchase ANI, a subscriber must first purchase Uniform Access Number (UAN) service which provides the subscriber with a uniform business number for client access. This optional service permits a client to dial one number from all locations within the specified area and then routes the call to a specified subscriber location within the LATA. UAN which can be provided either through a line side or trunk side connection utilizes a Traffic Operator Position System (TOPS) tandem office.

Because BCLID is provided over the SS7 network, a caller can block the transmission of his calling number to a subscriber of BCLID. However, a caller cannot block the transmission of his calling number to a subscriber of ANI. Because he is concerned that a calling party who places a call to an ANI subscriber cannot block transmission of his number, the Consumer Advocate contends that UAN customers should obtain their calling number delivery service via BCLID rather than via ANI.

As noted above, BCLID is provided over SS7 while UAN is provided over TOPS signaling. Although UAN can be provided over a line-side connection, it requires the use of a TOPS network which is incompatible with the SS7 network over which BCLID is provided. For this reason, the Commission denies the Consumer Advocate's Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration on this issue.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Order No. 92-286 is hereby clarified to require that Southern Bell's customers have the same ability to block transmission of their calling number to BCLID subscribers as they do to Caller ID subscribers;

2. Order No. 92-286 is hereby clarified to require Southern Bell to file a quarterly report beginning September 30, 1992, which outlines its progress of converting SMDI to the SS7 network; and

3. The Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration regarding ANI is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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